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In the application of:

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For: COLORED BUILDING BOARDS,  
MANUFACTURING METHODS THEREOF

Examiner: Leszek B. Kiliman

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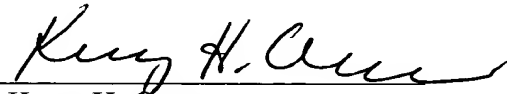
Applicants would appreciate the Examiner initialing and returning the Form PTO-1449, indicating that the information has been considered and made of record herein.

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